



Hydrological Society
of South Australia Inc.

The Ian Laing Prize \$1000

*A student prize awarded by the
Hydrological Society of South Australia
to a final year undergraduate, honours or masters
by coursework student
at a South Australian University*

Details for 2019 Prize Submissions

Applications for the 2019 Ian Laing Prize will close
at **5 pm on Friday, 13 December 2019.**

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Background

The Hydrological Society of South Australia (Hydsoc) was established in 1969 by people keen to promote an interest in the science of hydrology and concern for water resources and their management, conservation and use. The Society established a student prize to recognise and encourage young people to work in this field.

Mr Ian Laing MSc BEng (1948-1986) was one of the earliest members of HydSoc. He was a senior engineering hydrologist with the then Engineering and Water Supply Department (E&WS) with a passion for furthering understanding and development of the water resources of South Australia.

Ian Laing invested much energy and effort into promoting the aims of the Society and held the position of the Society Chair at the time of his premature death in 1986. Following his death the student prize was named the Ian Laing Prize in his honour.

What's the prize?

The Ian Laing Prize is a cash prize of \$1000 and a commemorative certificate.

The prize is being offered to high achieving final year undergraduate, honours, or masters by coursework students at any South Australian university who have completed a project or research thesis in a water-related discipline (see acceptable disciplines below).

Applicants agree to their summary statement of his/her project/thesis being printed in the Society newsletter.

The winning applicant will be required to make a presentation on their project thesis to a technical meeting of the Society.

Am I eligible to apply?

- 1) Applicants for the Prize must be Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Australia.
- 2) Applicants for the Prize must have successfully completed the requirements of an undergraduate degree, honours degree or masters by coursework program in 2019 at a South Australian University.
- 3) Applicants for the Prize must have undertaken a project or research thesis in a water-related discipline.

- 4) Acceptable water-related disciplines are: hydrology, hydraulics, hydrogeology, freshwater ecology, aquatic chemistry, water law, water resources planning and management.
- 5) Applicants for the Prize must complete their coursework and project or research thesis to a high standard.
- 6) It is recognised that undergraduate students often complete their projects as a team. Group applications are welcome on the understanding that only one prize is awarded and is to be shared by the group.

What must my submission include?

Prize entries must include the following:

- 1) A cover sheet with the following details:
 - a) Name
 - b) Address
 - c) Contact telephone number
 - d) Contact email
 - e) University and school
 - f) Degree program
 - g) Name of project supervisor (to act as referee)
 - h) Project supervisor contact details.
- 2) An official academic record showing courses completed and grades.

- 3) A summary statement (not more than 1000 words) describing the project or research thesis on a water related topic. This must include:
 - a) Topic
 - b) Hypothesis/Objective
 - c) Description of Methodology
 - d) Conclusions
 - e) Applicability and significance of project.

How do I submit my application?

Applications must be emailed, with the subject "Ian Laing Prize Submission", to:

msantich@okolina.com.au

What is involved in the selection process?

Applications will be assessed on the basis of academic performance and demonstration of a solid standard of achievement in relation to their project/thesis.

Applications will be assessed by a panel selected by the Executive Committee of the Society.

A short list of applicants will be developed based on the applications received. An interview with the assessment panel may be required. The assessment panel will then decide the winning application. They will also be required to present their project to a technical meeting of the Society.

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I need to find out more.

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Emails received will be replied to by email unless specifically requested otherwise. Please provide a telephone number if you would like someone to call you.